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Jeff Koenings, Director  
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Dear Jeff *JK*

I am writing to share with you some good feedback I received during my recent meeting with the Washington Cattlemen's Association. Its members are extremely pleased that the Department of Fish and Wildlife has given them expanded opportunities to demonstrate how grazing techniques can be utilized on wildlife lands to promote desirable conditions.

I also have been advised that a number of pilot projects have been initiated as a result of a meeting between my executive policy office, Dave Brittell, and other members of your staff. I applaud your constructive and innovative approach to testing the cattlemen's ability to deliver appropriate habitat outcomes. While grazing is not always compatible with wildlife habitat needs, I believe it does have a place in our toolbox of management options for state lands.

Again, thank you for a job well done. I commend you and your team on your responsiveness and creativity.

Sincerely,

*Chris*

Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor

*This effort shows  
a lot of promise!*

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